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STORAGE OF DATA LOCATED ON
MULTIPLE STORAGE DEVICES

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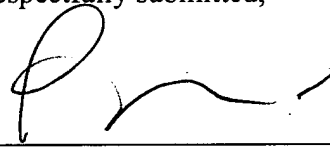
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